

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ An isolated promoter sequence which allows the expression of a gene of interest in the tissues of a plant, except in the maturing seed and in the dry seed, consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1, ~~characterized in that it comprises a sequence having at least 80% identity with the sequence, or a portion of the sequence, of the promoter of the Arabidopsis FAH gene.~~
- 2-6. (Canceled)
7. (Withdrawn) An expression cassette, characterized in that it comprises a sequence of interest fused to a sequence comprising a promoter sequence as claimed in claim 1.
8. (Withdrawn) The expression cassette as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the sequence of interest encodes an RNA, a protein or a polypeptide which protects the plant against a biotic or abiotic stress, or which is involved in development, in particular in hormone metabolism, in signal transduction or in the control of the cell cycle.
9. (Withdrawn) The expression cassette as claimed in claim 7, which allows the cosuppression of a gene, characterized in that said sequence of interest encodes a protein or polypeptide capable of substituting for the function of an endogenous protein or polypeptide.
10. (Withdrawn) The expression cassette as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that said sequence of interest encodes an antisense sequence directed against a target gene.
11. (Withdrawn) The expression cassette as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that said sequence of interest encodes an enzyme involved in the production of metabolites by a plant.
12. (Withdrawn) A vector comprising an expression cassette as claimed in claim 7.
13. (Withdrawn) A plant cell transformed with a cassette as claimed in claim 7 or a vector comprising an expression cassette comprising a sequence of interest fused to a sequence comprising a promoter sequence.
14. (Withdrawn) A plant transformation kit comprising a cassette as claimed in claim 7 or a vector comprising an expression cassette comprising a sequence of interest fused to a sequence comprising a promoter sequence.

15. (Withdrawn) A method for preparing transgenic plants in which a gene of interest is expressed in all the tissues except in the maturing seed and in the dry seed, characterized in that it comprises the following steps:

- a) transferring a cassette as claimed in claim 7 or a vector comprising an expression cassette comprising a sequence of interest fused to a sequence comprising a promoter sequence into plant cells,
- b) culturing the transformed cells obtained in step a) so as to obtain said transgenic plants.

16. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that the cells are chosen from embryonic cells originating from an immature embryo.

17. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that the transfer is carried out using *Agrobacterium*, preferably *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*.

18. (Withdrawn) A transgenic plant which can be obtained by carrying out the method as claimed in claim 15.

19. (Withdrawn) The plant as claimed in claim 18, characterized in that it expresses in its tissues, except in the mature and dry seeds, an RNA, an antisense sequence directed against a target gene.

20. (Withdrawn) The plant as claimed in claim 18, characterized in that it expresses in its tissues, except in the mature and dry seeds, an RNA, a protein or a polypeptide capable of substituting for the function of an endogenous protein or polypeptide.

21. (Withdrawn) The plant as claimed in claim 18, characterized in that it expresses a protein of interest under the control of a promoter other than the promoter of the FAH gene, and an antisense sequence capable of inhibiting the expression of said protein of interest under the control of the promoter of the FAH gene, such that the protein of interest is expressed only in the seeds.

22. (Withdrawn) The plant as claimed in claim 18, characterized in that it expresses in its tissues, except in the mature and dry seeds, a coding sequence for a protein involved in the biosynthesis of metabolites, for a protein or a polypeptide which protects the plant against a biotic or abiotic stress, or for a protein which controls development, in particular [lacuna] in hormone metabolism, in signal transduction or in the control of the cell cycle.

23. (Withdrawn) The plant as claimed in claim 18, characterized in that it is chosen in particular from rapeseed, crucifers, maize, soybean, wheat, sunflower, pea, ornamental plants, and trees.

24. (Withdrawn) A seed obtained from a transgenic plant as claimed in claim 18, characterized in that it does not contain the product of expression of the transgene.